

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-7, 11-16, 18-24, 27-35 and 37-40 will be pending. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-7, 11-16, 18-24, 27-35 and 37-40 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,790,793 ("Higley").

Claim 1 as amended recites that "a list of electronic mail messages" may be displayed. By way of example, FIG. 4 of the present application illustrates a display 410 of a list of electronic mail messages (a message from "bob@aol.com," a message from "jane@isp.com," *etc.*).

Claim 1 also recites that "an indication is provided proximate to [a] received electronic mail message to indicate that a URL address was included" in that message. By way of example, FIG. 4 of the present application illustrates a globe icon 412 displayed next to the electronic mail message from bob@aol.com. The globe icon 412 indicates that the message from bob@aol.com includes a URL address.

Claim 1 as amended also recites that "a list of URL addresses" may be displayed. By way of example, FIG. 4 of the present application illustrates a display 420 of a list of URL addresses (www.abc_new.com, www.today.cnn.com, *etc.*).

Claim 1 also recites that "an indication is provided proximate to [a] received URL address to indicate that the URL address was received in an electronic mail message." By way of example, FIG. 4 of the present application illustrates an envelope icon 422 displayed next to the CNN News URL address. The envelope icon 422 indicates that the CNN News URL address was received in an electronic mail message.

Nothing in Higley discloses or suggests such a feature. Higley simply discloses that an electronic mail message could include a URL address (*e.g.*, FIGS. 6 through 9), that information from the URL address might be automatically displayed to someone reading the message (*e.g.*, col. 5, lines 30-34), or that a reader could click on a URL address in an electronic mail message (*e.g.*, col. 5, lines 45-51). It does not disclose that a list of electronic mail messages could be

displayed along with icons indicating which of those messages contain URL addresses or that a list of URL addresses could be displayed along with icons indicating which of those messages were originally received in an electronic mail message.

According to the Office Action, Higley discloses a list of electronic mail message indications at FIG. 6 (page 2, discussion of claim 4). FIG. 6 of Higley represents a single electronic mail message (including where the message is from 601, the subject of the message 603, the status of the message 608, *etc.*) Applicants have amended the wording now used in claim 1 to make it clear that a list of multiple messages or URL addresses is displayed (*e.g.*, as illustrated in FIG. 4 of the present application), and some of those message might include, for example, a URL icon, an email icon, or a similar indication.

All of the pending claims recite limitations similar to those discussed with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Note that claim 5 further recites that activation of a URL address icon (displayed next to a message in a list of electronic mail messages) will result in a display of the URL address or an associated Web page. Similarly, claim 7 further recites that activation of a mail icon (displayed next to a URL address in a list of URL addresses) will result in a display of an originating electronic mail address or the received electronic mail message itself. Such features are also not disclosed in Higley.

In addition, claims 11-13, 23-24, 27-35, and 37-40 each recite that "metadata" (*e.g.*, keywords included in an electronic mail message or Web page) may be used, for example, to automatically determine where in a directory structure information should be stored, whether or not information should be stored, and/or how long information should be stored. By way of example, FIG. 6 illustrates that a particular URL address might be stored in a "Sports" section of a directory structure 620 because of keywords found on the associated Web page 610. Higley does not disclose these features.

Further, note that claim 40 recites that both a list of electronic mail messages and a list of URL addresses are displayed. Since Higley discloses neither feature, this is an additional reason why claim 40 is allowable.



CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

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